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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0035] with the following paragraph.

[0035] Complex metal hydrides have been found to be useful in the hydrogen generation systems of the present invention. These complex metal hydrides have the general chemical formula MBH_4 . M is an alkali metal selected from Group 1 (formerly Group IA) or Group 2 (formerly Group IIA) of the periodic table, examples of which include lithium, sodium, potassium, magnesium, or calcium. M may, in some cases, also be ammonium or organic groups. B is an element selected from group 13 (formerly Group IIIA) of the periodic table, examples of which include boron, aluminum, and gallium. H is hydrogen. Examples of metal hydrides to be used in accordance with the present invention include, but are not limited to, $NaBH_4$, $LiBH_4$, KBH_4 ,